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SUBJECT:COLOMBIA KIDNAPPING - SITUATION REPORT NO. 6

1. NO WORD FROM KIDNAPPERS: THERE HAS STILL BEEN NO
COMMUNICATION FROM THE KIDNAPPERS.

2. RETRACTION OF CIA ALLEGATION: AS A RESULT OF THE
PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR IN BOGOTA'S MEETING WITH EDITORS
OF THE BOGOTA DAILY "EL BOGOTANO," THAT NEWSPAPER
PRINTED A STORY HEADLINED "KIDNAPPED GRINGO IS
NOT WITH CIA." THE STORY SPOKE OF THE PEACE CORPS
DIRECTOR'S DENIAL AS WELL AS OTHER HIGHLY FAVORABLE
MATERIAL ON PEACE CORPS ACTIVITY IN COLOMBIA. SEVERAL
OTHER DAILIES SEEM TO HAVE BROKEN A STANDARD POLICY
AGAINST PRINTING RETRACTIONS REFERRING TO OTHER PAPERS,BY
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CARRYING FRONT PAGE STORIES REFUTING THE CIA ALLEGATION.
THE EMBASSY SEES THIS AS AN INDICATION OF THEIR PERSONAL
INTEREST IN THE CASE AND A DESIRE TO COLLABORATE WITH
THE EMBASSY.

3. MILITARY CAUTIOUS IN PURSUING KIDNAPPERS: THE
COLOMBIAN ARMY GENERAL MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH THE

EMBASSY ON THE KIDNAPPING STATES THAT ARMY UNITS IN THE GENERAL AREA WHERE THE KIDNAPPERS ARE PRESUMED TO BE ARE OPERATING CAUTIOUSLY AND IN SMALL GROUPS. WE ARE PLEASED BY THIS INDICATION OF SENSITIVITY ON THE PART OF THE MILITARY, WHICH REDUCES OUR CONCERN FOR STARR'S SAFETY.

4. PRIVATE APPEAL TO FARC: OUR EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED A SCENARIO FOR USING A PRIVATE CHANNEL FOR AN APPEAL TO THE FARC BY THE PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR FOR THE RELEASE OF STARR. WE HAVE CONCURRED BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT A PRIVATE APPEAL MIGHT SUCCEED BEFORE THE FARC GOES ON RECORD WITH A RANSOM OR OTHER DEMANDS.
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